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1. Early in June 1949 the UDB of Ljubljana, Logatec and Cerklja made a number of visits to various homes and arrested approximately sixty persons. The arrestees were incarcerated or committed to forced labor in Ljubljana. Most of them were suspected of being members of the "Matjazev" movement.
2. As a result of recent arrests, from which revealing information was gleaned, Cominform activities seemingly have subsided. Circulars bearing Cominform instructions and reprints of various Cominform newspapers published abroad have ceased to appear.
3. [REDACTED] Boris Kraigher is under strict UDB surveillance, because he is still suspected of conspiracy with the Cominform.
4. A new sensational trial of Cominformists, involving many prominent Communist Party members, will take place in the near future. The government is hesitant about making the trial too overt, however, for it is not yet convinced that the time is ripe for playing too open a game against Cominform exponents.
5. In Novi Sad several saboteurs were recently tried for attempting to poison approximately one thousand pigs on collectives. The defendants were identified to the general public as "farmers". Actually they were Cominform agents who had been unfiltrated into the community and were not native to it. All were sentenced to death.
6. Cominform centers allegedly uncovered by the regime were located, respectively, at Ratece, near the Zidan bridge, and at Vransko near Celje.

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